

The New Hampshire **COMPLETE STREETS CONFERENCE** Friday, October 19, 2018

NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) - 29 Hazen Drive, Concord 03302

Presented by the NH Complete Streets Advisory Committee



List of Presentations



Plenary

Transforming Communities through Greenways and Complete Streets (Jeff Olson, Alta Planning)

Jeff Olson will provide an informative and inspiring keynote address that focuses on the transformative power of greenways and complete streets for communities large and small. He will highlight the transportation, public health, and economic benefits of developing active transportation infrastructure, especially in comparison to high-cost motor vehicle infrastructure. Jeff's presentation will feature his many years promoting, planning and designing trails and walking and bicycling infrastructure in New York State where he is based. This includes the Empire State Trail, a 750-mile network of primarily off-street paths connecting Buffalo to Albany and from the Canadian border to New York City. Governor Andrew Cuomo's recent \$200m vision is being overseen by Alta Planning + Design, with Jeff in the primary leadership role.

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10:30-11:30 am
--SESSION 1--

Age-Friendly Communities (Sylvia von Aulock, Southern NH Planning Commission)

There are many commonalities between younger and older adults, such as concerns about affordable housing and social engagement, but through SNHPC's Becoming Age-Friendly Program surveys, the number one concern about aging was transportation. Whether in rural towns or larger suburban settings the most common statement was, "If you don't drive, you can't exist in this town." Generally speaking, older adults are concerned with being unable to get around when they no longer feel safe to drive, while young adults desire transportation options. Walkable, bikeable neighborhoods are desired by all generations but are currently lacking in many communities. This session will share the findings of SNHPC's Age-Friendly program and provide insight into what some communities are doing to improve creating connections for their residents.

ROOM 1

New Paths to Accessibility and Inclusion (Todd Hanson & Anne Weidman, Access Navigators)

Access Navigators helps people impacted by mobility challenges stay engaged in their community by providing reliable information about what to expect when they visit local restaurants and cultural attractions. To make this happen, the Access Navigators team helps local businesses understand accessibility as an economic driver. Todd Hanson and Anne Weidman will highlight new paths to accessibility and inclusion and leave you looking at your own community with a fresh perspective.

What FHWA's STAR Guide Can Bring to Your Community (Phil Goff, Alta Planning)

Phil Goff will provide an overview of the FHWA's 2017 Small Town and Rural Multi-modal Networks (the "STAR Guide"), a document offering innovative pedestrian and bicycle facilities for streets and roads in small towns and rural areas. The session will emphasize ways in which cities and towns in NH can provide low and moderate-cost accommodations for walking and bicycling on roadways that are narrow and/or contain limited rights of way.

From Planning to Construction: Lessons Learned on Complete Streets Projects (Brian Colburn, McFarland Johnson)

This presentation will discuss the engineering process and design challenges associated with the development of Complete Streets solutions. Recently constructed Complete Streets projects in NH will be used to guide the discussion including roadway and drainage design, utilities, right-of-way, and environmental permitting. This presentation will also discuss the NHDOT Local Public Agency (LPA) process, including the unique challenges and opportunities associated with this funding program.

Bikeshare Panel (Manchester, Nashua, Portsmouth)

Hear an overview of Bikeshare from three diverse programs in Southern NH. Each will give some background on how its program came to be, as well as offering some ridership data and sharing lessons learned.

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ROOM 3

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--SESSION 2--

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

(Sandt Michener, NH DOT Title II ADA Coordinator)

Sandt Michener, Federal Programs Specialist at New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), will present on ADA Standards and the current state of New Hampshire's facilities. Mr. Michener has been designated NHDOT's ADA Title II Coordinator and has been working to plan and implement ADA standards throughout the state and ensure NHDOT's rights-of-ways are accessible to all.

ROOM 1

Safe Cycling Education Offerings

(Paula Bedard, Bike-Walk Alliance of NH, League Cycling Instructor)

Paula will present an overview of the safe cycling education classes that are available in the New England area. Learn about safe biking & walking sessions available to New Hampshire elementary schools, the "Bike Friendly Driver" class, as well as other classes and webinars that are tailored to entry-level and experienced adult bicyclists. Learn how to bring these education options to your community or program.

Manchester Connects (Sarah Jacobs)

Manchester, as well as the larger region, has an extraordinary asset in the Millyard and its history. Its geographic location is ideal to take advantage of escalating housing costs in Greater Boston and the search for high quality of life within the region. The city's people and organizations are extremely active and engaged, with excellent capacity and resources to transform planning into doing. Manchester Connects is all about ensuring these assets come together as more than just the sum of the parts. With an overall goal of building a collaborative vision for a more connected city core, Manchester Connects is a multimodal transportation and land use planning project dedicated to connecting physical places, opportunities, people, and ideas.

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Pop-Up Demos: Temporary Projects for Permanent Change

(Mari Brunner & Tara Kessler, City of Keene)

Mari & Tara will provide an overview of tactical urbanism, will describe case studies from her experience with demonstration projects in the southwestern part of the state, and will offer tips for how to get started on your own project.

Electric Bicycles (James Tassé, Bike Coalition of Maine)

(Dave Topham, Bike-Walk Alliance of NH)

Jim will present an overall picture of current issues surrounding e-bikes, such as classification, popularity, use cases, retail sales overview, and where New England stands on the issue of E-bike legislation. Dave will present a summary of issues that are specific to e-bike legislation efforts in New Hampshire.

ROOM 3

The Nuts and Bolts of a Pedestrian and Bicycle Count Data Program

(Marian Mithani, Eco Counter)

Everyone agrees there is a need for better data about walking and cycling. Pedestrian and cyclists counts in particular are a key metric, yet the practice of collecting them still vary widely. This session will provide an overview of different models, strategies and partnerships to build and evolve a ped/bike count program – including examples of the practices both locally and across North America. Marian Mithani will discuss key elements of a well-managed count program, successful examples among mid-sized cities and smaller communities and tips for planning.

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--SESSION 3--

Economic Development Panel

Complete Streets and Economic Development/Retention
(Will Stewart, Stay Work Play NH)

Economic development professional and Manchester Alderman Will Stewart will discuss how to make the business case for Complete Streets to policy makers. Learn best practices with regard to issue framing, finding and recruiting allies, and direct and indirect advocacy.

You Complete Me: Street Re-building in Dover
(Chris Parker, AICP, Assistant City Manager)

Learn why Dover decided to make the shift from traditional street construction standards to require all municipal reconstruction projects be complete streets. What does that mean, and why did the staff get behind it.

Concord's Main Street: A Complete Street Economic Development Success Story
(Carlos Baia, Deputy City Manager of Development, City of Concord)

The Downtown Concord Complete Street Project transformed Main Street and sparked an economic renaissance. Learn how this one project has generated new businesses, residences and arts & entertainment opportunities.

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